

RECEIVED

OCT 19 1999

17 MS. GIAMPAOLI: My name is Mary Ellen  
18 Giampaoli, and I'm speaking on behalf of Nye  
19 County, Nevada. This evening I will present a  
20 prepared statement. I'd like to present two brief  
21 comments this morning.

22 First of all, my first comment I hope  
23 will be addressed before the Department takes to  
24 heart the comments that are received on this EIS.  
25 It has to do with the nature and format of these

1 briefings. We recognize that this is, perhaps,  
2 the most significant project ever undertaken in  
3 the history of the United States, and we  
4 recognize that the EIS is a very large and  
5 complex document. But I would like to point out  
6 for the record that it is not the most complex or  
7 the largest document ever produced.

1 8 And [ I believe it would be appropriate  
9 during these briefings, in addition to providing  
10 a, quote, road map of how the document is put  
11 together, to provide the audience with a brief  
12 overview of what the findings of this impact  
13 statement are so that people coming in at least  
14 have some flavor for what the document actually  
15 says, rather than the table of contents. ]

16 My second comment relates to Nye  
17 County's belief that the Draft Environmental  
18 Impact Statement is technically inadequate. There  
19 are several areas I will address this evening in  
20 greater detail. They have to do with the agency's  
21 view point of selecting the regions of influence  
22 for analysis and the way in which this confines  
23 the scope of the analysis to look only primarily  
24 at the direct impacts, and fails to identify  
25 indirect impacts and cumulative impacts and the

1 entire family of cumulative impacts because of  
2 narrow selections of regions of influence.

2 3 Secondly, [ with respect to  
4 transportation, the approach that was discussed  
5 this morning suggests that it is very -- it's a  
6 very generic approach that was used rather than a  
7 specific, looking at specific information along  
8 the routes. There seems to be a reliance upon the  
9 fact that the Department of Transportation is the  
10 regulatory agency charged with looking at  
11 transportation on the nation's roadways. I do not  
12 believe this disobligates the Department from  
13 doing an adequate safety analysis and assessment  
14 of the potential impacts along those  
15 transportation routes that are defined in the  
16 EIS.] Thank you.

17 MR. SKIPPER: Thank you for coming.

18 THE FACILITATOR: Thank you. Is there anyone  
19 else who would like to speak at this time? Okay.  
20 As I indicated, I will call a recess in a minute  
21 or two.

22 Let me just say a couple of words  
23 about how we'll proceed from now on. All of you  
24 are certainly welcome to stick around. I have no  
25 guarantee that anybody would like to speak

1       between now and 1:00. But you're certainly  
2       welcome to stay around and talk to the DOE staff  
3       or anyone else you would like.

4               If you choose not to stay, I just want  
5       to say we very much appreciate your coming, your  
6       questions, and your comments. And I'd remind you  
7       there is another session this evening beginning  
8       at 4:00, formal comments beginning at 5:00 and  
9       running to 8:00. Obviously, if we need to go  
10      over that time, we will do that.

11              If there are no other comments at this  
12      point, I will call a recess. And I will  
13      reconvene, as necessary. And if any of you, or  
14      somebody else, comes in and would like to make a  
15      formal comment, we will reconvene at that time.  
16      This meeting is now recessed.

17                               (Recess.)

18              THE FACILITATOR: I'd like to reopen the  
19      meeting right now to see if there's anybody else  
20      who would like to speak. If not, this session of  
21      the Ely, Nevada public meeting is adjourned. And  
22      we'll reconvene at four o'clock this afternoon  
23      for presentation and formal comments at 5:00.  
24      Thank you, everybody, for the presentations, and  
25      to the Department for its cooperation and fine

1 answers to the questions. This meeting is now  
2 adjourned.

3 (Morning session of public hearing adjourned.)

4 --ooOoo--

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25